

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

BROWN, Henry (Republican)
Representative, 1st District, South Carolina
Elected 2000 to 107th Congress
Relected to succeeding Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: Bishopville, South Carolina -- 20 December 1935
Home: Hanahan, South Carolina
Marital status: Married (Billye) - three children
Religion: Southern Baptist
Education: Berkeley High School, 1953; attended both The Citadel and Baptist College

Military: Served 9 years in South Carolina National Guard

Profession: Grocery chain executive; grocery store data processor; shipyard worker

Political: Served on the Hanahan City Council, 1981-85, and in the South Carolina House, 1985-2000. Elected to the US House of Representatives in 2000 by defeating Andy Brack (D) with 61% of the vote to succeed Rep Mark Sanford (R), who retired. Reelected in 2002 with 90% of the vote.

Rep Brown, a conservative, fought a particularly bitter 2000 race with both candidates accusing the other of unethical practices. His priorities include balancing the budget, ensuring the solvency of Social Security and Medicare, providing local control over education, and strengthening the military by providing better pay and the best equipment and ensuring all missions undertaken are properly funded. On the need to strengthen our national defense, stated "The uprising in Kosovo brought to light the deficiencies in our inventory of strategic weapons and manpower."

In the 107th Congress, introduced H.Con.Res. 362, a concurrent resolution encouraging employers who employ members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces to provide a pay differential and an extension of employee benefits to members when called to active duty. In Nov 02, Rep Brown (through an aide) publicized his support of 'concurrent receipt,' indicating he was "committed to helping all disabled military retirees who have been shortchanged under the old rules." Secured over \$43M in FY 03 military construction appropriations for his South Carolina district, to include \$11.3M for a C-17 maintenance training system and over \$2M for the Air Force Reserve Medical Training Facility at Charleston AFB, SC.

Additional: South Carolina Policy Council named him "Among the top conservative Legislators" during his service in the South Carolina House. The South Carolina Chamber recognized him as their "Public Servant of the Year" for 1995. Received an honorary doctorate of business administration from The Citadel. Retired as vice-president of the Piggly Wiggly Carolina Co., Inc.

AF Bases: Charleston AFB; North Charleston Annex

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BUDGET

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE